


REMARKS

This amendment is made to the present application in order to present a proper priority claim in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 120 and 35 U.S.C. 365(c). The present application originated as Japanese patent application number 163428/2001, filed in Japan on April 24, 2001. Japanese patent application number 163428/2001 was filed as a PCT application which designated the U.S. on March 28, 2002, and was assigned International Application Number PCT/JP02/03075. The present application is a continuation of PCT/JP02/03075.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application number 163428/2001 will be procured, and provided upon request.

Please advise if there is anything else that need be done to perfect the priority claim for the present application.

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